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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Carl Turk on April 23, 2008.

The application has been amended as follows:

Please amend claims 1 and 9 as per the following:

1. (Currently Amended) A method to be executed at least in part in a computing device for formatting objects in a page of an electronic document comprising:
 - receiving a first instance of an object as an input for the page in the electronic document, wherein the page is associated with a style sheet;
 - receiving formatting information associated with the first instance of the object;
 - setting formatting parameters for the first instance of the object in the page and in the style sheet based on the received formatting information;
 - receiving another instance of the object as input for the page in the electronic document;
 - tracking a position of the other instance of the object relative to the page; calculating the position of the first instance of the object in the style sheet;
 - comparing the position of the first instance of the object to the position of the other instance of the object;
 - determining a format for the other instance of the object based on the position of the first instance of the object in the style sheet; and
 - applying the format to the other instance of the object, wherein the format includes at least one from a set of: a font, an indent position, a line spacing, a bullet style, a numbering style, a text

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flow around graphics, a color transparency of graphics, a horizontal placement of graphics, and a scaling of graphics relative to an absolute size of the graphics.

9. (Currently Amended) A computer implemented method for controlling page formatting of an electronic document comprising:

- receiving a first instance of an object as an input for the page in the electronic document, wherein the page is associated with a style sheet;

- receiving formatting information associated with the first instance of the object;

- setting formatting parameters for the first instance of the object in the page and in the style sheet based on the received formatting information;

- receiving another instance of the object as input for the page in the electronic document;

- tracking a position of the other instance of the object relative to the page;

- calculating the position of the first instance of the object in the style sheet;

- comparing the position of the first instance of the object to the position of the other instance of the object;

- determining a format for the other instance of the object based on the position of the first instance of the object in the style sheet, wherein the format for a graphics object includes at least one from a set of: a text flow around graphics, a color transparency of graphics, a horizontal placement of graphics, and a scaling of graphics relative to an absolute size of the graphics, and wherein the format for a text object includes at least one from a set of: a font, an indent position, a line spacing, a paragraph alignment, a bullet style, and a numbering style determined based on a language identifier of the other instance of the object and a corresponding language identifier of the first instance of the object in the style sheet; and applying the format to the other instance of the object.

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